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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

- Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
 - Small Entity Statement(s)
- Specification [Total Pages 109]
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 15]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]
 - Newly executed (original or copy) Unexecuted
 - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 20 completed)
[Note Box 6 below]
 - DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
- CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:
 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No. , filed .
Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This application is a continuation-in-part, continuation, divisional, of Application No. , filed .

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - paper
 - Statements verifying identity of above copies
10. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
11. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
12. English Translation Document (if applicable)
13. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
14. Preliminary Amendment
15. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
16. Figure of Drawing to be published: Figure 2
17. Foreign priority claimed
 - Claim of Priority
 - Certified Copies of Priority Document(s)
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19. Other: Cover Letter Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and 1.53(f); and Six (6) Sheets of Tables

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The above-identified application includes:

- 109 pages of specification (including Abstract);
- 37 total claims; with 1 independent;
- 15 sheets of drawings with 15 figures;
- 6 Sheets of Tables;
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If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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